

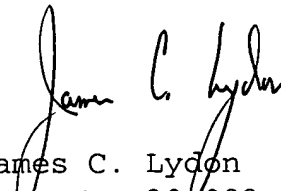
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 1-23, adds new claims 24-50, amends the specification and presents a new abstract. The amendment to the specification inserts a reference to parent application PCT/IB03/01392 and U.S. provisional application S.N. 60/362,441 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.78. New claims 24-50 correspond to the amended PCT claims and have been written to avoid multiple dependencies and drawing reference numerals. The substitute abstract is based on the PCT abstract. Claims 24-50 are pending.

An Information Disclosure Statement and a Recordation Form Cover Sheet are attached.

It is not believed that any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Substitute Abstract  
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